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Dan, and you others,

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It is 0345 on Sunday, 13 October. I rolled over on Dan Ellsberg's *Secrets* and it woke me up an hour ago. This let me read chapter 10 on Rach Kien, descend to the refrigerator and eat some micro-wave heated left over red cabbage, and one of two stuffed egg plants. The audible passing car was not delivering one of our three newspapers.

I have also read the last two chapters of the book as well as the first 185 pages. The book came to my attention last week from its review in the current *Economist*, my first awareness of it. I insist that each of you get, read, and comment on it as soon as you can. I will do a review likely to get to you in draft sometime later this week.

Truth in advertising: I know Ellsberg and have an enormous respect for him that began with John Paul Vann's detailed appreciation and endorsement of him. Recall that Dan's provision of the 7000 pages of the "Pentagon Papers" to the *New York Times* in 1971 turned our world around. John had told me that he expected to involve himself in Dan's trial for this "grave" offense.

This much reading has focused me on what Dan can do next for our country. I propose to task him to focus immediately on applying his insider's appreciation of how our bureaucracies deluded themselves and the nation on Vietnam to our upcoming Iraq adventure. We need him to do this orally on every TV program that interviews him on *Secrets*, and verbally in such openings as the *NYT Magazine*. It may be that he is doing this already and that I've just not seen them.

Anyway, get into the book and what you can to get it into our nation's consciousness. I will send the *Economist* review to those of you for whom I have fax numbers.

Best regards, and more is coming.

Carl

